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SUBJECT: MBFR: SPC MEETING SEPTEMBER 18

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1. AS REGARDS THE DISCUSSION OF OPENING STATEMENTS  
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 18 IN SPC, MAIN OPERATIONAL USE  
OF THIS SESSION FROM OUR VIEWPOINT SHOULD BE TO BRING  
OTHER SPC MEMBERS TO URGE THEIR CAPITALS TO HAVE DRAFT  
OPENING STATEMENT COMPLETED BY AN OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE SO  
THAT COMPARISON OF DRAFTS OR ANY POSSIBLE REVISIONS CAN  
TAKE PLACE IN A TIMELY WAY.

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2. OTHER THAN A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF CONTENT OF OPENING

STATEMENTS ON THIS SPECIFIC OCCASION, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE SPC SHOULD SEEK TO DEAL WITH THE CONTENT OF OPENING STATEMENTS. DRAFTS WILL BE PREPARED IN CAPITALS, WHICH WILL WANT TO PUT THEIR OWN NATIONAL IMPRINT ON THEM. WE CONSIDER THAT THE SPC SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOCUS PRIMARILY ON COMPLETING ALL FIVE SECTIONS OF THE ALLIED POSITION PAPER, AND THAT EFFORTS TO REACH ADVANCE AGREEMENT ON POSSIBLE CONTENT OF OPENING STATEMENTS WILL BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT AND TIME CONSUMING THAN POST-FACTO COMPARISON OF DRAFTS. LATTER FUNCTION SHOULD AS STATED BE CARRIED OUT BY AD HOC GROUP.

3. AS GENERAL INDICATION OF APPROACH WE PLAN TO TAKE IN US OPENING STATEMENT, AND AS A POSSIBLE STIMULUS TO DRAFTING BY OTHER ALLIES, FOLLOWING ARE SOME THEMES WE PLAN TO DEVELOP IN US STATEMENT:

A. OUR GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE A MORE STABLE MILITARY BALANCE AT LOWER LEVELS OF FORCES WITH UNDIMINISHED SECURITY;

B. SPECIFICALLY, WE SEEK TO REDUCE SIZE OF MILITARY FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, AFFECT THEIR CHARACTER BY REDUCING THEIR THREATENING OR DESTABILIZING ASPECT CONSISTENT WITH DEFENSIVE NEEDS AND PURPOSES, AND DEAL WITH THEIR ACTIVITIES IN MANNER WHICH MINIMIZES RISK OF MISCALCULATION OR SURPRISE;

C. TO ACHIEVE THIS WITH UNDIMINISHED SECURITY, AN AGREEMENT MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF DISPARITIES IN MANPOWER, EQUIPMENT AND GEOGRAPHY;

D. TO ENHANCE STABILITY AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, STABILIZING MEASURES, VERIFICATION MEASURES AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION PROVISIONS WILL ALSO BE NEEDED;

E. PROVISION OF ANY MBFR AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR ALL PARTIES.

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F. IN VIEW OF COMPLEXITIES OF THE SUBJECT MATTER, NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD FOCUS INITIALLY ON GROUND FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

4. WITH REGARD TO SPC DISCUSSION OF DATE AND AGENDA OF FIRST MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP, INSTRUCTIONS ON DATE ARE

CONTAINED IN REFS (A) AND (B). ALL SUGGESTIONS FROM  
CAPITALS AND SPC MEMBERS AS TO MATTERS AD HOC GROUP  
MIGHT TAKE UP IN ITS FIRST MEETINGS WILL BE WELCOME, AND  
THIS IS THE SPIRIT IN WHICH WE HAVE MADE OUR OWN PRO-  
POSALS. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT THE AD  
HOC GROUP ITSELF SHOULD MAKE FINAL DECISION ON SETTING  
ITS AGENDA. RUSH

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